

Accelerated Reader Requirements

Dear Parents and Students,

Beginning this year, students will be asked to read a total of **12** AR books throughout the school year, 3 per quarter. Attached you will find a list of appropriate books students may read. Students are expected to read books between levels 4.0 and 4.2 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, books in levels 4.3-4.5 may be read. During the third quarter, books in levels 4.6 and 4.7 should be read. And finally, in the fourth quarter, books from levels 4.8 and 4.9 should be read. Remember that children must only read **THREE** books from each set of levels, for a total of 12 books this year. Please look at this list with your child and help him/her decide which books he/she would like to read this year. In the classroom, students have access to a list that includes the book level, picture of the cover, and a brief synopsis to help them make their decisions. In some cases, the books will be available in school. In other cases, you may need to use the public library. Students will want to begin their first three books as soon as possible. It is expected that each child will have read and completed the necessary AR books and quizzes at the end of each quarter. Students are responsible for informing the teacher when they are ready to take the AR quiz on a book they have read.

Thank you for your assistance and support in using the AR program. It is a great way to boost student's reading comprehension!

Sincerely,

Accelerated Reader Book List

First Quarter Choices



[The Mystery Bookstore](#)

Warner, Gertrude Chandler

Book Level: **4.0**

The Boxcar Children solve a mystery about a bookstore.



[The Rough-Face Girl](#)

Martin, Rafe

Book Level: **4.0**

In this Algonquin Indian version of the Cinderella story, the Rough-Face Girl and her two beautiful but heartless sisters compete for the affections of the Invisible Being.



[A Taste of Blackberries](#)

Smith, Doris Buchanan

Book Level: **4.0**

A little boy confronts grief and wrestles with the pain of loss when his best friend dies.



[Skinnybones](#)

Park, Barbara

Book Level: **4.1**

Life looks hopeless when Alex's losing team has to play baseball against T.J.'s winning team. But Alex has a hidden talent that could save the day--unless it ruins his life first.



[Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky](#)

Ringgold, Faith

Book Level: **4.1**

In this sequel to Tar Beach, Cassie and Be Be meet a fantastic train of people and retrace the steps of escaping slaves on the underground railroad.

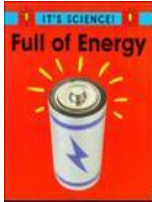


[Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective](#)

Sobol, Donald J.

Book Level: **4.1**

Presents ten baffling mysteries for the boy detective and the reader, with Encyclopedia's solutions included at the end of the book.



[Full of Energy](#)

Hewitt, Sally

Book Level: **4.1**

This is an interactive approach introducing the concept of energy as found in food, sun, wind, water, and other sources and as used for nutrition, warmth, and motion.

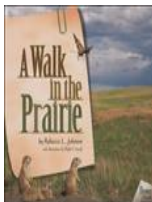


[The Reasons for Seasons](#)

Gibbons, Gail

Book Level: **4.2**

This book gives an explanation of how the position of Earth in relation to the sun causes seasons.



[A Walk in the Prairie](#)

Johnson, Rebecca L.

Book Level: **4.2**

This book describes the climate, seasons, plants, animals, and soil of the North American prairie, showing examples of how the animals and plants depend on each other and their environment to survive.

Second Quarter Choices



[What Makes a Magnet?](#)

Branley, Franklyn M.

Book Level: **4.3**

Describes how magnets work and includes instructions for making a magnet and a compass.



[There's an Owl in the Shower](#)

George, Jean Craighead

Book Level: **4.3**

Because protecting spotted owls has cost Borden's father his job as a logger in the old

growth forest of northern California, Borden intends to kill any spotted owl he sees until he and his father find themselves taking care of a young owlet.



[The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane](#)

Cole, Joanna

Book Level: **4.3**

Ms. Frizzle's class takes a whirlwind field trip into the middle of a hurricane.



[The Keeping Quilt](#)

Polacco, Patricia

Book Level: **4.4**

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.



[Poppy](#)

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Book Level: **4.5**

A brave young mouse challenges the owl that rules over the territory and saves her family from starvation. Book #1 (in a series)

Third Quarter Choices

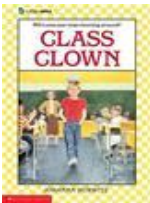


[Freedom Crossing](#)

Clark, Margaret Goff

Book Level: **4.6**

Laura, who has been living with relatives in the South, finds her loyalties challenged when she returns home and learns that her family has been helping runaway slaves.



[Class Clown](#)

Hurwitz, Johanna

Book Level: **4.6**

Lucas Cott, the class clown, wants to become the perfect student but finds it hard to change his ways.



[The Indian in the Cupboard](#)

Banks, Lynne Reid

Book Level: **4.6**

A young boy discovers that his magic cupboard and key can turn toys into live people and animals.

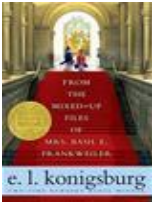


[The Chocolate Touch](#)

Catling, Patrick Skene

Book Level: **4.7**

Instead of gold, everything John Midas touched turned to precious chocolate.



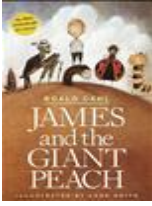
[From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler](#)

Konigsburg, E.L.

Book Level: **4.7**

Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Fourth Quarter Choices

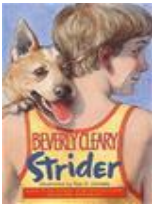


James and the Giant Peach

Dahl, Roald

Book Level: **4.8**

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearsome aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.



Strider

Cleary, Beverly

Book Level: **4.8**

In a series of diary entries, Leigh tells how he comes to terms with his parents' divorce, acquires joint custody of an abandoned dog, and joins the track team at school.



Beezus and Ramona

Cleary, Beverly

Book Level: **4.8**

Four-year-old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, nine-year-old Beezus.



[Joey Pigza Loses Control](#)

Gantos, Jack

Book Level: **4.9**

Joey, who is taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the father he has never known. Dad insists that Joey stop taking his medication, and Joey loses control as he tries to help his baseball team.



[The Sign of the Beaver](#)

Speare, Elizabeth George

Book Level: **4.9**

A young boy in Maine, when rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson, must decide whether to spend the winter alone in the woods waiting for his family to return or move on to a new life with his new friends.



[Little House on the Prairie](#)

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Book Level: **4.9**

Laura and her family journey by covered wagon into Indian territory, and start a farm.



[The Cricket in Times Square](#)

Selden, George

Book Level: **4.9**

Chester the cricket resides in a newsstand in Times Square. He has many adventures, climaxing with the rescue of the newsstand owner from financial disaster.